Helena Citizen Conservation Board 316 N. Park Avenue Helena, MT 59623

December 12, 2019

Mayor Collins and City Commissioners City Commission Office City County Building, Room 323 316 N. Park Avenue Helena, MT 59623

Re: City's Growth Policy Update

Dear Mayor Collins and City Commissioners:

For the past several months, the Citizen Conservation Board (CCB) has participated in the Growth Policy Update process by reviewing drafts, suggesting revisions, and meeting to discuss the changes with City Planning Staff. We appreciate the many opportunities the City provided for the CCB and members of the public to learn about and be involved in the Growth Policy Update process.

On November 5, 2019, City Planning Staff presented the revised Growth Policy to the Consolidated City-County Planning Board. During that meeting, additional changes were proposed, the changes were incorporated, and the Planning Board unanimously passed the revised version of the Growth Policy.

The CCB supports this revised Growth Policy. We believe it sets a direction with policy goals and objectives that will help guide Helena's growth and development in a changing climate.

Therefore, we, the Citizen Conservation Board, formally recommend the City adopt the revisions to the 2011 Helena Growth Policy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information from the Citizens Conservation Board.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fairman, Chair Citizens Conservation Board